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Macroeconomic policy questions

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2010, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fifth session the item entitled:

"Macroeconomic policy questions:

"(a) International trade and development;

"(b) International financial system and development;

"(c) External debt sustainability and development"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate jointly on sub-items (b) and (c) at its 8th and 9th meetings, on 11 October 2010, and a substantive debate on sub-item (a) at its 27th meeting, on 4 November. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/65/SR.8, 9 and 27). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 4 to 6 October (see A/C.2/65/SR.2-6). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Letter dated 29 September 2010 from the representative of Yemen to the Secretary-General (A/65/486)

Letter dated 28 October 2010 from the representative of Nicaragua to the Secretary-General (A/65/547)

Item 18 (a)
International trade and development

Report of the Trade and Development Board on its forty-eighth executive session, Geneva, 25 November 2009 (A/65/15 (Part I))[1]

Report of the Trade and Development Board on its forty-ninth executive session, Geneva, 8 and 9 June 2010 (A/65/15 (Part II))[1]

Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fiftieth executive session, Geneva, 8 July 2010 (A/65/15 (Part III))[1]

Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-seventh session, Geneva, 15-28 September 2010 (A/65/15 (Part IV) and Corr.1)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development (A/65/211)

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International financial system and development

Report of the Secretary-General on the international financial system and development (A/65/189)

Letter dated 27 September 2010 from the representative of Singapore to the Secretary-General (A/65/395)

Item 18 (c)
External debt sustainability and development

Report of the Secretary-General on external debt sustainability and development (A/65/155)

4. At the 8th meeting, on 11 October, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item (b)) and the Chief of the Debt and Development Finance Branch of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (under sub-item (c)) (see A/C.2/65/SR.8).

5. At its 27th meeting, on 4 November, the Committee heard introductory statements under sub-item (a) by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the President of the Trade and Development Board (see A/C.2/65/SR.27).

[1] To be issued in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/65/15).